

IN TWENTY-TWO CHURCHES

Preparatory Services Held by the Endeavorers.

FAMOUS DIVINES SPOKE

"Deepening of the Spiritual Life" the subject discussed—eloquent advice to the young army by leading clergymen of all denominations. Songs and Prayers.

Proceeding the formal opening of the regular sessions of the convention, twenty-two separate meetings were held last night in the city churches, where the delegates have established their headquarters. Over these meetings the pastors of the several churches presided.

Devotional exercises, singing, two formal addresses and a quiet hour of prayer made up the program for each meeting. In all forty-four addresses were made, and the list of speakers assigned thereto, containing the names of many leading preachers in the American pulpits, attracted good sized audiences.

The topic, "Deepening the spiritual life,"



Rev. K. Tupper.

was the same for each meeting and the addresses all bore on that subject.

Stereoscopic pictures were also given in two of the churches and these were well attended. In one the subject was illustrative of America, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Lovejoy of Massachusetts, and the other by Rev. F. S. Dobbins of Philadelphia, illustrated, "The land of the rising sun."

AT HAMLINE CHURCH.

Interesting Service With Song, Prayer and Sermons.

Four hundred persons attended the Christian Endeavor rally at the Hamline M. E. Church, directed by the resident minister, Rev. Dr. R. K. Strickland, who opened the exercises with prayer.

Addresses were made by Rev. W. F. Wilson, Toronto, Ontario, and W. J. Harsha, D. D., of New York city.

The choir of the church under the leadership of J. A. Rose, rendered the large audience to enthusiasm by their spirited singing of some old-fashioned Methodist hymns.

The "quiet hour" was conducted by Rev. Charles B. Dobbins of Philadelphia.

At Hamline the speaker of the evening



Rev. C. L. Work, D. D.

was Rev. William Justin Harsha, D. D., New York city. He is an eloquent speaker and in part his sermon follows:

"The keynote of the convention is to be struck tonight from forty-four individual harps in twenty-two different churches. That keynote is infinitely sweet and inspiring. It avails an echo in my heart at once and woe me to Washington. Who would not be glad to have a part in the spiritual life and work of 'Deepening the spiritual life'?"

"The best way I know of to deepen the spiritual life is to dredge the river-bed through which God promises to set afoot the full and satisfying currents of His life and His peace. There are three important words which we should consider carefully: 'If we are to dredge the river we must



Rev. Wm. Rader.

get out of the way at once and for all time any false conceptions about peace itself which we have been entertaining. Nothing stops the inflow of the divine life more effectively than false notions. These are rocks, rooted often in our past, which must be loosened and cast out. Some of them have crystallized round the word 'peace'."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Arizona Delegation Enjoyed a Few Addresses and Good Music.

At the First Baptist Church there was much enthusiasm, particularly in the Sunday school room, where the visiting delegates were received and registered. The Virginia delegation had not arrived at the opening of the meeting and only Arizona representatives were with the visitors in the auditorium.

The music was by the church choir, under the direction of Prof. R. D. Howard, Rev. Charles A. Stakeley, the pastor, presided, and introduced the speakers, Rev. Egerton R. Young of Toronto, Ont., and Rev. J. L. Campbell, D. D., of New York city. The quiet hour was conducted by Rev. W. F. McCauley of Dayton, Ohio, and proved the best part of the rally meeting.

Rev. Dr. Egerton R. Young of Toronto, Canada, presided, and spoke as follows: "Said Henry Martyn, the devoted mis-

sionary, 'Live more with Christ, catch more of His spirit, for the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him the more intensely missionary we shall become.' Says Christ, our Lord and Master: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. And behold I send the promise of my father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endowed with power from on high.'"

"This endowment of power is the Scriptural means for deepening the spiritual life—the Holy Spirit is life and the origin of all the vital energy that brought life universal to this fair world of ours. It is in the great redemptive scheme that we see in the fullest light the greatness of the work assigned to the Holy Spirit. We do not know who selected this very important subject for these opening addresses at this great Christian Endeavor convention, but we know that no more important or vital subject could have been suggested."

MISSOURI AND MONTANA.

Their Delegates Gathered at Luther Memorial Church.

The meeting of the Missouri and Montana delegations, at the Luther Memorial Church, was attended by a congregation which filled the edifice to its doors. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion with the American colors.

Appropriate music was furnished by a choir of twenty-five voices. The services were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. R. J. Butler, who, after delivering the opening address, introduced the speakers of the evening. They were: Rev. Rufus W. Hartford of Reading, Pa., Rev. Arnold Strenn of Manchester, Eng., and Rev. A. F. McGregor of Woodstock, Ont. After the services the pastor received the visiting members and their friends.

GUTHRIE MEMORIAL.

Delegates From the Far West Listened to Eloquent Sermons.

Hundreds of Endeavorers from Minnesota, Oregon and Washington braved the heavy storm to be present at the meeting at their headquarters, Guthrie Memorial Church, corner of First and Second streets northwest. Rev. Howard Wilbur Ems, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, and an enthusiastic worker in the Christian Endeavor Society, was in charge of the services. He delivered an eloquent address of welcome Mr. Charles B. Dobbins of Chicago conducted the quiet hour service.

At Guthrie the speakers were J. W. Fifield of Chicago and Rev. F. P. Ramsey of Augusta, Ky. Dr. Fifield said:

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"It is a duty we owe to ourselves to make the most of our spiritual nature. The man who refuses to cultivate his best nature as great a criminal before God as he who wastes his force and dissipates his strength. Indifference is as bad as intemperance. It is no more a party for prohibition, we should have also a party for stimulation. For the most part we are responsible for the depth and richness of our own spirituality. Circumstances deepen life, sorrows, stir and awaken the soul. It sometimes disturbs nature as dynamic moves the solid rock. Borrow is bread and tears are medicine. The great grief mellow us and draws us nearer God."

WHERE SOUTHERNERS MET.

Splendid Attendance at the Mount Vernon Place Meeting.

At Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, the headquarters of the South Carolina, Georgia, and Arkansas delegations, the service was attended by an immense congregation. The decorations were handsome and the colors of the national colors and the colors of the States whose delegates were being entertained.

The service was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Smithson, P. E., after which the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Carter, made an address of welcome.

The music, which was a pleasant feature of the service, was by the Mount Vernon division of Section C of the convention chorus, and was directed by Mr. F. E. Zimmerman, with Miss Florence Ball organist.

At Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South, Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered the address. His discourse was an excellent one and among other things, he said:

"Under the old dispensation it was expressly stated that 'a dwarf' should not be permitted to 'come nigh to offer the bread of his God.' This had special reference to the priests who were allowed to eat bread, but were limited in their privilege because of their blemish."

"Under the Gospel we are all priests unto God; and we are constantly having illustrated before us the fulfillment of that old requirement, for not a day passes but the priests who shut out from the joy and honor of 'offering the bread of their God,' because they are spiritually dwarfed. It is impossible that one should

be dwarfed in any way and not suffer for it.

"One of the penalties of ignorance, for instance, is that the unlearned man must forego the interest of imparting knowledge. The heaviest penalty of poverty is that one so situated may not experience the highest type of joy which comes from relieving distress, so that the saddest penalty of a dwarfed nature is that it is shut out from the noble joy which enlarges an affluent soul."

"Then Paul while enduring stripes and peril burst forth into a song and told of a life to be lived so royal, so radiant, so full of glory, that he would have been glad to live as a king. On earth then this kingdom is to be found. Paul tells us that they shall reign in life which receive abundance

of grace by our Jesus. It matters not how poor or how mean they may be if they will but receive into their lives the abundance of his grace and of the gift of righteousness no limit can be put to their spiritual development. They shall inherit the earth. They shall be so changed from character to character that they shall present to the world royal lives of radiant beauty and transcendent power."

VERMONT AVENUE CHURCH.

Hoosier Delegates Made Up the Majority of the Congregation.

In the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, services under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Frederick D. Power, were held in the presence of a large assemblage of local

and Indiana Endeavorers.

The quiet hour service was conducted by Mr. W. H. McClain of St. Louis. One of the features of the evening was the excellent music furnished by a large choir under the supervision of Mr. Russell Barnes. Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, of Philadelphia, was the speaker of the evening and in part said:

"The possession of deep spiritual life in a Christian is the highest and holiest of all possessions. Without it talent is likely to be a fatal gift, and genius a glittering sham. Richard Cobden used to say, count on no man unless he has a bedrock of character. He may have the many form and the many intellect, but the crowning glory of all manly worth is wanting, if the soul lack those high transcendent virtues, which are at once the girder of our strength and the garment of our beauty. Another has said, intellect is good, but spirit is better. One is the fiber of the tree, the other the sap, whence come the fruits and flowers."

"More than all this, the possession of spiritual life is the most beautiful of possessions. We marvel at the beauty of color as seen in flowers and flowers, we marvel at the beauty of form, as seen in the outline of mountains and the human face, but more than all this, is the beauty of character when majesty and tenderness and sympathy and self-sacrifice blending

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A. Oliver presided over an hour of religious communion and experience.

"As a man thinks in his heart" was the subject of an address by Prof. Amos H. Wells, of Boston.

"Endeavorers, suppose you could get out of your body," he said; "suppose you should meet it on the street tomorrow. You probably wouldn't recognize it. And I wonder how many of us, if our bodies were taken away tomorrow, would recognize our souls. An angel came to maiden with a message to attend the marriage supper of the King's son. She began to adorn

herself with fine raiment and ornament her beautiful hair, but the angel said: 'Nay, your clothes and jewels are not invited to the feast, only yourself.' Then her garments faded away at the angel's touch. She saw lying at her feet not merely her dress, but her body in all its white hands, fair face, and glory of sunny hair. Then the angel assured her she was ready for the feast."

CONGRESS STREET METHODIST.

Although Far Away It Had a Fair Share of Attendances.

Congress Street Methodist Protestant Church was comfortably filled. The efforts of the decorating committee showed in a handsome display of American flags, Washington '96 emblems and Christian Endeavor welcome banners.

The visiting delegates occupied chairs facing the congregation.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Hammond, pastor of the church, opened the services with prayer and immediately afterward turned the presidency of the meeting over to Rev. Dr. L. B. Bates, and retired on account of illness.

At Congress street the Rev. Franklin Hamilton spoke, in part, as follows:

"Were I to tell you the story of those whom the world deems royal I should recite to you the history of princes, queens, and kings. There's such divinity does hedge a king, that chronicle and romance have hung their richest garlands around the warrior-king. The divine carpenter, however, has brought a new relation to bear upon